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SUBJECT: IEA LONG-TERM COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

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1. ECON COUNS MET WITH TOYONAGA OF MITI AND TWO OF HIS STAFF MEMBERS ON JAN 23 FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF LONG-TERM COOPERATIVE PROGRAM OF IEA. TOYONAGA REFERRED TO DRAFT OF INSTRUCTIONS TO GOJ REPRESENTATIVE TO IEA AND DESCRIBED POSITION IDENTICAL IN ALL ESSENTIALS TO TOKYO REFTEL THIS SUBJECT. TOYONAGA GAVE SPECIAL EMPHASIS TO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CANADA AND JAPAN ON QUESTION OF ACCESS. HE SAID DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS REPRESENTED HIS AGENCY'S POSITION, BUT STILL NOT FORMAL MITI OR GOJ POSITION.

2. WE TOLD TOYONAGA THAT WE HAVE STUDIED CANADIAN POSITION AND CONCLUDE THAT CONSTITUTIONAL PROBLEM IS CONFIDENTIAL

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LEGITIMATE AND SUI GENERIS, ADDING THAT IEA LONG-TERM

PROGRAM IS OF DUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE TO INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND JAPANESE RESERVATION WOULD WEAKEN LTCP TO DETRIMENT OF INTERESTS OF ALL PARTICIPANTS. HE SAID HE DISAGREES WITH OUR ASSESSMENT OF CANADIAN CONSTITUTIONAL SITUATION AND THINKS THAT CANADIANS SIMPLY DO NOT WANT TO AGREE TO STANDSTILL ON ACCESS AS CALLED FOR IN CHAPTER V.

3. AS ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR JAPANESE VIEWS, TOYONAGA CITED NEGOTIATIONS WITH CANADA REGARDING SUPPLY OF URANIUM. HE SAID THAT SINCE BEGINNING OF ENERGY CRISIS CANADA HAS DECLINED TO ACCEPT ANY COMMITMENT TO DELIVER URANIUM FOR JAPANESE USE. TOYONAGA SAID THAT CANADIAN CONSTITUTION IS UNCHANGED, BUT CANADIANS INFORM HIM THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO DISCUSS NEW URANIUM CONTRACTS BECAUSE THEIR URANIUM EXPORT POLICIES ARE UNDER STUDY. THIS SITUATION IS OF DEEP CONCERN TO JAPANESE OFFICIALS, MEMBERS OF THE DIET AND QOWER INDUSTKY MANAGERS. TOYONAGA REITERATED THAT JAPAN WANTS UNANIMOUS SUP-PORT FOR IEA LONG-TERM COOPERATIVE VROGRAM. IHE AFFURMED THAT, IIF NECESUAR, JAPAN CAN ACCEPT A CANADIAN STATEMENT OR "MUNUTE" SO LONG AS IT IS NOT A HEAVILY PUBLICIZED DOCUMENT.

3. TOYONAGA PROVIDED HIS TOKYO TELEPHONE NUMBERS (OFFICE: 501-6759, HOME: 710-6189) AND SAID THAT HE

WOULD BE GLAD TO TALK TO BOSWORTH ABOUT GOJ POSITION. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GO TO THE IEA MEETING ON JANUARY 29 AND THAT JAPAN WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY YUTAKA WADA, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION OF MITI.

4. EC MIN SPOKE TO CANADIAN CHARGE, WHO IS MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS. HE FEELS JAPANESE HAVE HAD FULL EXPANATION OF CANADIAN VIEWPOINTS AND THAT IF THEY ARE NOT COMVINCED, IT IS NOT FROM UNDERSTANDING BUT FROM DESIRE PUSH THEIR OWN POLICY VIEWS. HE DESCRIBED RECENT CANADIAN APPROACHES TO JAPANESE HERE. THEY DO NOT SEEM TO INCLUDE DESCRIPTION OF "ADDITIONAL EFFORTS IN OTHER AREAS OF AGREEMENT" TO COMPENSATE FOR CHAPTER CONFIDENTIAL

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